REMARKS

A previous indication that claims 16-19 are allowable is again gratefully acknowledged. A terminal disclaimer relating to U.S. Patent No. 6,663,261 is filed herewith.

Additionally, claims 20-23 have been added on the same basic subject matter and calling for a seal to be compressed in place. This is the same basic invention previously claimed so any searching would have included this technology.

It is believed the case is now in condition for allowance and early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

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